

FORMALLY OPEN HOUSE AND SENATE

CONGRESS IS
CONVENED AT
NOON TODAY

Hold Official Opening of
What Promises to Be
Important Session.

PROCEEDINGS BRIEF

Business in Both House and
Senate Practically Confin-
ed to Organization Work

DAY IN CONGRESS.
Senate—Met at noon and 32 new
senators were sworn in.
House—Met at noon. Speaker
Clark was reelected.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Congress
re-assembled at noon today in what
promises to be the most important and
historic session of a generation.

Proceedings in both house and sen-
ate were brief, being confined entirely
to organization and formal introduc-
tion of some bills and resolutions. In
accordance with custom both soon ad-
journing and sent a committee to for-
mally notify President Wilson that
congress was in session.

Tomorrow the real work of the ses-
sion begins when President Wilson de-
livers his annual address to a joint
session assembled in the hall of the
house.

Clark Re-elected.
Speaker Clark was reelected and
sworn in amid cheers from the floor
and galleries. In the senate the or-
ganization was perfected by the re-
election of Senator Clarke of Arkansas
as president pro-tempore. Vice Presi-
dent Marshall was not in the chair for
the opening.

In his opening address to the house
the speaker paid tribute to Republi-
can leader Mann and predicted a prac-
tically continuous session hereafter.
"I am profoundly grateful to you at
the high honor of the speakership
thrice conferred by your friendship and
partiality," he said.

Thanks Democrats.
"I thank the democrats for their per-
sonal good will which has attended me
all my days here. By reason of the
amazing growth of our beloved coun-
try and the bewildering increase of
business the time is in sight when
congress will remain practically in
perpetual session. I hope this con-
gress will go into history as a working
congress."

The senate floor and gallery present-
ed the usual scene.
James M. Baker, the secretary, called
the session to order and the chaplain
prayed for divine guidance for preser-
vation of peace at home and its res-
toration abroad.

Thirty-two newly elected senators
then were sworn in. Each was escorted
by his colleague. After swearing in
the new members the senate recessed
until 2:30 o'clock.

Bills Pouring In.
In the house, meanwhile, bills and
resolutions were pouring into the hop-
per at the clerk's desk. National de-
fense measures predominated and
there were many proposals for various
investigations. There were many bills
for rural credits, river and harbor im-
provements, extension of the rural
mail service and a large number of so-
called private bills. Many will never
get further than the stage of introduc-
tion.

The business of introducing bills did
not deter some of the returning old-
timers from holding receptions. For-
mer Speaker Cannon, representatives
Hill, Longworth and McKinley and
others, as well as the leaders of both
parties, were centers of groups of the
latest arrivals.

German Composer Dead.
Berlin, Dec. 6, (via London, 10:45 a.
m.)—Gustav Hollaender, composer of
music for the violin and piano, is dead.
He was 65 years old.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather with rain tonight
or Tuesday; slightly warmer tonight
with the lowest temperature about 30
degrees.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 26. Highest
Yesterday, 29; lowest last night, 26.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., seven
miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 75; at
7 a. m., 83; at 1 p. m. today, 64.
Stage of water, 6.3, a fall of .2 in
last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASKS REASON
FOR RECALLS
OF ATTACHES

Washington, Dec. 6.—Count von
Bernstorff today presented to the state
department a communication asking
for the reasons for the request for the
withdrawal of Captain Boy-ed and
Captain von Papen, the German naval
and military attaches, respectively.

It was stated authoritatively, though
not in the communication, that the
ambassador would under no consid-
eration ask the United States to get safe
conducts for the attaches. The Ger-
man government was represented as
considering it incumbent on the United
States to return the attaches in
safety to German territory and bring
their successors here.

Should it develop from the state de-
partment's answer that other in-
cidents than the Archibald case and
the testimony at the trial of the con-
spirators of the Hamburg-American
line were considered by the United
States in asking that the attaches be
withdrawn, Germany will contest the
withdrawals. Should the department
reply that these two incidents alone
were responsible, the withdrawal will
take place without further inquiry or
protest. Even then, however, Ger-
many will consider that under the cir-
cumstances the United States must
open the way for the attaches to leave
the country.

While conferences on the subject
are in progress the two attaches, Cap-
tain Boy-ed and Captain von Papen,
will remain within the United States.
They were both in Washington today
and they have conferred with Count
von Bernstorff several times. Under
all diplomatic usage it is only neces-
sary for the United States to indicate
to Germany that the attaches are per-
sona non grata and it is unnecessary
to give a reason for the withdrawal.
The German ambassador's action to-
day came as a distinct surprise to of-
ficials here.

TELL OF NARROW
ESCAPE FROM SUB

London, Dec. 6, (2:10 p. m.)—The
British steamship Japanese Prince re-
cently was attacked by a German sub-
marine but escaped, according to in-
formation received here today.

The following unofficial account of
the incident was placed at the disposal
of the press:
"The steamer Japanese Prince, of
the Prince Line, Newcastle-on-Tyne,
with a large crew and a considerable
number of passengers, recently en-
countered a German submarine. For
five and one-half hours she struggled
to get clear, being heavily shelled dur-
ing the greater part of that time."

Bernstorff Denies Report.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Count
von Bernstorff, the German ambas-
sador, today made emphatic denials of
reports that Germany or German of-
ficial agents had been concerned in
recent attempts to set up a counter
revolution in Mexico.

Breaks Jail
in Muscatine
by Sick Ruse

Muscatine, Ia., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Adam
Mohr, alias Mrs. Anna Koch, alleged
swindler whose operations are said to
have extended in many states, escaped
from custody here at an early hour
this morning when feigning illness she
aroused attendants at the jail and
walked through the jail door, which
was left open by the jailer's wife in her
hurry to rush to the medicine cabinet
in the state reformatory and was un-
der indictment at Mason City, Iowa, on
a similar charge. She is alleged to
have realized more than \$15,000
through her operations in a number of
western states.

JAP BARON CALLS
AT WHITE HOUSE

Oriental Visitor Is on Scheduled List
of Callers of President
For Today.

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Wil-
son had on his list of callers today
Baron Shibusawa, a prominent Jap-
anese, who is touring this country in
the interest of the International Sun-
day School congress, to be held in
Tokyo, after the war.

The Baron, discussing today the
movement to restore peace in Europe,
declared that the warring nations
must look principally to the United
States to pave the way to that end,
adding that he was gratified that the
matter was being given serious con-
sideration among leaders of thought
and affairs in this country.

SUFFS ASSEMBLE
AT WASHINGTON

National Meetings of Congressional
Union for Woman Suffrage
Convenes Today.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The national
convention of the Congressional Union
for Woman Suffrage met for the first
time here today with women suffrage
workers from throughout the country
in attendance. The convention which
will hold daily sessions throughout the
week is meeting in the "Little White
House," the historic residence on Mad-
ison place, where many vice presidents
have lived.

Preceding the meeting, woman suf-
fragists, 1,000 strong, formed a proces-
sion and welcomed Mrs. Sara Bard
Field of Oregon and Miss Frances Jol-
iffe of California, who, as representa-
tives of western women voters, had mo-
tored across the continent with a mam-
moth suffrage petition asking con-
gress for a federal suffrage amendment.
The procession went to the White house
for a reception by President Wilson.

NO SOLUTION
FOR FIGHT IN
THE BALKANS

London, Dec. 6, (12:25 p. m.)—No so-
lution has yet been reached of affairs
in the Balkans. Russian troops, though
long poised for action near the frontier
of Rumania, have not yet left their own
territory. Rumania's policy still is one
of wavering and the Greek situation,
despite diplomatic parleys and all sorts
of reports of a successful settlement,
remains undeveloped.

According to latest reports from Ath-
ens both the entente group of powers
and the Greek government are hold-
ing their ground—the entente reiterat-
ing its demands and Greece refusing
to make concessions inconsistent with
her sovereign rights.

An official communication has been
issued at Athens to the effect that the
Greek press does not represent the
views of the Hellenic government,
which is said to be optimistic regard-
ing a successful settlement, but the
grounds for this optimism, which has
failed to impress the newspapers and
public either at Athens or in London,
is not given.

Premier Skouloudis again conferred
yesterday with King Constantine who
afterwards received the French minis-
ter to Greece, discussing the situation
at some length.

Since most of the questions pending,
says a Reuters correspondent at Ath-
ens, are of a military nature, the im-
pression is general that their solution
depends on the decisions of the war
council at Paris.

The war council in Paris on Satur-
day, together with the text of Italy's
adhesion to the pact of London, agree-
ing not to conclude a separate peace,
and the arrival in Paris of General
Porro, second in command of the Ital-
ian army, are regarded here as gratify-
ing signs of the increasing solidarity
of the entente allies, and it is hoped
by the British public that this closer
union will soon bear fruit in a more
energetic Balkan campaign.

The Bulgarians announce a further
pursuit of Serbian forces through Al-
banian territory. The retreat of the
Serbians is reported to have assumed
the character of a precipitate flight
along the Bell-Drini river towards Scu-
tari. Further north the Austrians re-
port that the Montenegrins fighting on
their frontier have been repulsed after
offering violent resistance.

On the other fronts only sporadic ar-
tillery duels and small engagements of
local importance are reported.

CALL RAILROADS
UP FOR HEARING

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 6.—Fifty-five
railroads in Illinois were ordered to-
day by the public utilities commis-
sion to have representatives present
Jan. 4, when Commissioner Funk be-
gins a hearing to determine the rea-
sonableness of tariffs for cleaning and
disinfecting stock cars.

The investigation was urged by
stockmen, who hold that the railroads
should bear the cost of disinfecting
the stock cars.

HALT MUTINY
IN CHINA AND
START PEACE

Government Announces the
Capture of Cruiser Chao-
Ho From Lawless Crew.

REPULSE LAND ACTION

Attack of Rebels Upon Ar-
senal Also Foiled and Har-
mony Hovers Over Scene

Peking, Dec. 6, (1:00 p. m.)—The
government announces that it has re-
ceived a telegram from General Yang
at Shanghai, saying that the Chinese
cruiser Chao Ho has been recaptured
from the crew which mutinied Sunday
night and opened fire on two other
warships and the Kaing-Nan arsenal.
It is stated that a rebel land movement
against the arsenal was repulsed and
that peace has been restored.

Shanghai, Dec. 6.—The mutinous
crew of the Chinese cruiser Chao-Ho
abandoned the vessel early today after
it had been bombarded and set on fire.

A band of rebels attacked the arsenal
at midnight but was repulsed.
The authorities now appear to have
complete command of the situation.
Three of the mutineers were killed and
five were wounded.

Police Slain.

A band of 30 or 40 rebels, armed
with rifles and bombs, attacked the
Chapel subpost station at 4 o'clock
this morning. The rebels threw four
bombs, of which three exploded. One
policeman was killed and three wound-
ed. A body of regular troops was
brought up quickly and the rebels dis-
appeared.

Open Fire on Chao-Ho.

After the engagement last evening
between the Chao-Ho and the loyal
cruiser Hai-Chi and the loyal
gunboat Tung-Ching there was no fur-
ther firing by the warships until short-
ly before dawn. At that time the
cruiser Ying-Swei opened fire on the
Chao-Ho. A shot struck the Chao-Ho
aboard the bridge. Fire broke out on
the Chao-Ho. The rebels embarked
on the launch which put out to the
cruiser from the foreign settlement
yesterday afternoon before the mutiny
began. The mutineers landed on the
Pootung side of the city and disap-
peared in a body.

Attack Arsenal.

The attack on the arsenal at mid-
night was made from the direction of
the Hang-Chow railway. There was
some rifle firing but the arsenal troops
acted promptly and calmly and re-
pulsed the attackers. So far as has
been learned there were no casualties
at the arsenal. The three men who
were killed and the five wounded were
shot down on the Chao-Ho.

A visit to the arsenal early this
morning showed that the situation
there was normal. The Chinese au-
thorities have handled the outbreak
with the greatest coolness.

Crew Is Overpowered.

Circumstances disclosed today show
that the crew of the Chao-Ho did not
mutiny as was at first reported, but
was overpowered by the rebels who
went in a launch yesterday afternoon
from the foreign settlement to the
cruiser. The launch drew up along
side the Chao-Ho, flying the admiral's
flag. Admiral Sa Chen-Ping was on
board.

There were about forty men in the
launch. They boarded the cruiser, each
carrying a revolver and a bomb con-
cealed beneath handkerchiefs.
The rebels whipped off the handker-
chiefs concealing their weapons and
covered the crew with their revolvers,
threatening death unless their orders
were obeyed instantly. They compelled
the crew to open fire on the arsenal
and the other warships.

Officer Saves Chiles.

The rebels were unable to make use
of the heavier guns, as an officer of
the Chao-Ho threw overboard the keys
to the magazines containing the six-
inch and four-inch shells. His action
probably saved the arsenal and the for-
eign settlement from serious damage.
Numerous shots fell in the foreign con-
cessions but no serious harm was done.

PROTECTION FROM
STRIKERS SOUGHT

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 6.—Employees of
the Phelps-Dodge Mercantile company
of Morenci, Ariz., have protested to
Governor Hunt that sufficient protec-
tion from striking miners has not been
afforded, according to correspondence
with Governor Hunt, made public by
managers of the Arizona Shannon and
Detroit Copper companies. The Phelps-
Dodge company is a subsidiary of the
Detroit Copper company.

BILLS TO ENLARGE
ARSENAL ARE PUT
BEFORE CONGRESS

Tavener Also Asks \$30,000
for Addition to Rock
Island Postoffice.

(Special to The Argus.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Rep-
resentative Tavener of Illinois in-
troduced a number of bills with-
in a few minutes after congress
convened today. The most impor-
tant provided for a government ar-
mor plate factory. Other measures
provided for a \$35,000 postoffice at
Carthage, a \$30,000 addition to
the Rock Island postoffice, permit-
ting construction of the Colona
bridge and several special pension
and miscellaneous bills. He also
reintroduced several bills provid-
ing for enlargement of Rock Is-
land arsenal. Congressman Hull
of Iowa will also introduce simi-
lar measures in the interest of the
arsenal. "So far as the arsenal is
concerned," said Tavener, "Mr.
Hull and I will work together in
every possible way. I will support
Mr. Hull's bills and he will sup-
port mine, or both of us will back
any other measures in the interest
of the arsenal."

Tavener has a number of bills
of importance under preparation
which will be introduced later.

The appropriation which the con-
gressman asks for the enlargement of
the Rock Island postoffice building is
in the interest of the raising of the one
story part of the present building on
the west side the additional two stor-
ies. Tavener has a similar bill be-
fore the last congress.

ANCONA SURVIVOR
GIVES AFFIDAVIT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The state
department received today a mes-
sage from Consul Mason at Tunis giving
the substance of an affidavit made by Guis-
eppe Torrisso, an Ancona survivor, to
the effect that the Ancona was at-
tacked simultaneously by two submarines,
one on each side, the one on the port
side and the other on the starboard
side.

Consul Mason's report follows:
"Guiseppe Torrisso states he heard
a shot while in the dining room, went
on deck and saw the periscope of a
submarine to the right of the Ancona.
He then heard a shot on the other side
of the Ancona, crossed the deck and
saw a large grey submarine with two
cannons on deck; did not notice flag.
"Torrisso was injured and rendered
insensible by the life boat he was in,
falling. I have personally seen four per-
sons who were wounded by the sub-
marine's shells. The seriously wound-
ed were left aboard the Ancona."

THE WAR TODAY

The pursuit of the retreating
Serbians and the offensive move-
ment against the obstinately re-
sisting Montenegrins apparently
are being vigorously pressed. Ber-
lin reports the driving back of
Serbian and Montenegrin divi-
sions near Sienica, in Serbia, near
the Montenegrin border, and Ipek,
in eastern Montenegro.

In the Riga district the Rus-
sians initiated an offensive near
Lake Vabitt, but Berlin declares
the attack broke down with heavy
losses to the Russians.

Only artillery engagements,
mining and hand grenade warfare
and aeroplane combats are report-
ed from the Franco-Belgian front.
The German report chronicles the
shooting down of two British aero-
planes, the occupants being killed.

Enrollment of the Russian army
class of 1917 next year, a year in
advance of the ordinary time, is
ordered in an imperial ukase is-
sued in Petrograd.

Serbian retiring from Monastir
have arrived at Givigli to join
the French troops under General
Sarrail, according to a dispatch
from Athens. M. Venizelos, for-
mer premier of Greece, issued a
manifesto on Nov. 21, advising the
national liberal party which he
heads to abstain from voting in the
coming elections and charging
virtual suppression of the consti-
tutional regime in the dissolution
of the chamber and the ordering of
new elections.

Paris has just received the man-
ifesto which insists on the restor-
ation of Alsace-Lorraine and Ten-
tative withdrawal from Belgium
and Serbia as requisites of peace,
declares Albert Thomas, French
under-secretary of war. His state-
ment, says a Paris dispatch, at-
tracts wide attention, coming as
it does from a responsible cabinet
official. Another requisite is the
putting of German imperialism and
Prussian militarism beyond
the possibility of resurrection.

VENIZELOS IN
OPEN ATTACK
UPON GREECE

Former Premier Issues Man-
ifesto Asking People Not
to Vote at Election.

UPBRAIDS NEW POLICY

Declares Action of Greek
Government Deforms
Constitution.

Paris, Dec. 6, (6:10 a. m.)—M. Veni-
zelos, former premier of Greece, has
issued a manifesto addressed in the
name of the liberal party to the peo-
ple of his country advising abstention
from voting in the forthcoming gen-
eral elections. The manifesto was issued
Nov. 21 but its transmission by tele-
graph was prevented by the Greek gov-
ernment and it reached Paris today by
mail.

Constitution Deformed.

The manifesto calls attention to the
fact that the internal crisis was
brought about solely by the wresting
of power from those to whom the peo-
ple had confided in at the last elec-
tion.

"Day by day," says M. Venizelos, "the
constitution is deformed into a simple
scrap of paper and we find ourselves
at present in a deviation from our po-
licies amounting to suppression of the
constitutional regime."

The ex-premier points out what he
calls the entire absence of necessity or
excuse for an appeal to the people for
the second time in a few months amid
the confusion of war.

Against New Minister.

He declares the chamber of deputies
overturned the Greek cabinet not for
the mere pleasure of exercising its op-
position, and that it would have ac-
cepted the new cabinet with the sole
exclusion of the minister who had in-
sulted the chamber, and says:

"In spite of the affront intentionally
inflicted on the national representa-
tion by the promotion of that minister
to the highest grade at the royal court,
and in spite of his maintenance in the
reconstructed ministry, the opposition
contented itself with declaring that it
would abstain from the sessions.

"The chamber had in view only the
defense of its own dignity and had no
intention of interfering with the pas-
sage of urgent laws. All these conces-
sions were insufficient to turn the gov-
ernment from its decision to dissolve
the chamber and to proceed with the
elections while all the men in the king-
dom who could be mobilized were un-
der arms.

Revive Ancient Regime.

"The ancient regime that was
thought to have been abolished by the
revolution of 1830 came again to life
with the ministry of the month of Feb-
ruary."

"Beaten in the elections, this regime
concentrates all its forces today in a
supreme effort to suppress the liber-
ties of the people because it cannot live
otherwise."

Election Plot Hinted.

After calling attention to what he
terms the difficulties that make fair
elections impossible, M. Venizelos de-
clared that the government is secretly
arranging to have home on leave all
mobilized men which it can count on to
vote for government conditions, while
all the adversaries of the government
are being refused leaves of absence.

"The duty of the liberal party," says
the ex-premier, "is not to participate
in the political comedy whose object is
to prevent a manifestation of the na-
tional will and to give an appearance
which would be false, that the elections
were an approval by the people of the
non-execution of the treaty of alliance,
thanks to which Greece has extended
her frontiers as far as Nestos."

To Not Abandon Fight.

The liberal party has no intention to
abandon the struggle and it would be
a mistake to thus interpret its deci-
sion, says M. Venizelos, who adds that
the party's object now is to prevent
internecine strife and to leave the ques-
tions at issue to be settled after the
exterior crisis has passed; "if the dis-
asters now being prepared by the gov-
ernment do not take on such propor-
tions that the faith in a future Hellen-
ism be not entirely shaken."

Rockefeller on Inspection Tour.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 6.—John D.
Rockefeller, Jr., will arrive here to-
day from New York for a two-day in-
spection of properties in which he is
interested. He will be accompanied
by President Carl G. Gray of the West-
ern Maryland Railroad and several
other and will visit the Helen's Run
and Wyatt coal fields.